



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/016,532  
Applicant : Dr. George J. Picha et al.  
Filed : December 10, 2001  
Title : "PERCUTANEOUS GASTROTOMY DEVICE"  
  
Conf. No. : 7870  
TC/A.U. : 3763  
Examiner : Loan H. Thanh  
  
Customer No. : 000,116  
Docket No. : 29462

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

The period for response to the final Office action of June 2, 2004 in the above-identified application expired on September 2, 2004. Applicant has already obtained a two month extension of time, up to and including November 2, 2004. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended for one additional month, up to and including December 2, 2004. The \$550.00 fee associated with the one month extension of time is enclosed.

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If there are any further fees required by this communication which are not covered by the enclosed check, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 29462.

Respectfully submitted,

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